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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for load balanced and fault tolerant aggregation and display of information, said apparatus comprising:
 - a first web server receiving a transaction, said transaction comprising a first and second request;
 - a first and second agent server; and
 - a load-balancing module;wherein the first web server assigns the first request to one of ~~the said first and second~~ agent servers responsive to said load-balancing module and assigns the second request to ~~one of~~ said the other one of the first and second agent servers responsive to the load-balancing module.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a state server connected to at least one of said first and second agent servers and providing persistent storage for information.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said state server comprises a relational database.
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a second web server, wherein one of said first and second agent servers sends a first request to one of ~~said first and second~~ the web servers responsive to said load-balancing module and sends a second request to ~~one of said first and second~~ the other one of the web servers responsive to said load-balancing module.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said first web server is in communication with said second web server.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each agent server comprises a dispatcher for instantiating at least one of an assimilation agent and an integration server.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a communications module in communications with said first web server, said communications module in communication with a network.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for load-balanced and fault tolerant aggregation and display of information in apparatus comprising a web server, a first agent server, a second agent server, and a load-balancing module, said method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) receiving, by a web server, transaction having a first request and a second request;
- (b) assigning, by said web server, said first request to one of a first agent server and a second agent server responsive to a load-balancing module; and
- ~~(e) receiving, by said web server, a second request; and~~
- ~~(d)~~(c) assigning, by said web server, said second request to the other one of said first agent server and said second agent server responsive to said load-balancing module.